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SUBJECT : ~~X~~ DEMANDS BY ARGENTINE LABOR LEADERS FOR A 65
PER CENT INCREASE IN WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS;
~~X~~ EFFORTS BY LABOR TO OBTAIN MILITARY SUPPORT FOR
ITS POSITION

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[REDACTED] THE ARGENTINE LABOR MOVEMENT
IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN ITS DEMANDS FOR A 65 PER CENT INCREASE
IN SALARIES DURING THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PRESS FOR
OTHER BENEFITS AS WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, LABOR LEADERS ARE
REQUESTING THAT THE 65 PER CENT INCREASE BE BASED ON SALARY
LEVELS IN EXISTENCE AS OF 9 JUNE, INSTEAD OF THE LEVELS WHICH
EXISTED AT THE TIME OF THE LAST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS.

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IN ADDITION, LABOR LEADERS WANT THE GOVERNEMENT TO AGREE TO PLACE A PRICE FREEZE ON BASIC STABLE ITEMS OF CONSUMPTION AND TO INSTIGATE AN INDEX PLAN TO INCREASE WAGES AUTOMATICALLY WHENEVER THE COST OF LIVING INCREASES BY A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE CURRENT LABOR LAW STIPULATES THAT WAGE INCREASES ARE TO BE BASED ON THE SALARY LEVELS IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME OF THE PREVIOUS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION. IF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD AGREE TO BASE THE NEW SALARY LEVELS ON THE EXISTING SALARIES AS OF 9 JUNE, THE LABOR LAW WOULD HAVE TO BE MODIFIED.)

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2. [REDACTED] PERONIST LABOR LEADERS EXPECT THE GOVERNMENT TO REJECT THEIR DEMANDS FOR A 65 PER CENT INCREASE AND TO ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE LABOR MOVEMENT TO ACCEPT A LOWER PERCENTAGE INCREASE. THEY FURTHER EXPECT PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA ~~M A R T I N E Z~~ TO THREATEN TO RESIGN IF SHE CANNOT PERSUADE LABOR LEADERS TO REDUCE THEIR DEMANDS. IF THIS OCCURS, [REDACTED] THE LABOR MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP IS PREPARED TO "CALL HER BLUFF." [REDACTED]

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EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION AND, PARTICULARLY, THEIR INTENTION TO
REMAIN FIRM IN THE DEMAND FOR A 65 PER CENT INCREASE IN WAGES.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE OF JOSE ~~X~~ L O P E Z ~~X~~ R E G A, *Spain* *Brazil*
MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT
MARTINEZ DE PERON, CARLOS ALEJANDRO ~~X~~ V I L L O N E, NUMBER TWO
MAN IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY, AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALBERTO
J. V. I G N E S ARE ACTING AS THE LEADING ADVISORS TO THE
PRESIDENT DURING THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. COMMENT:

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WHILE LOPEZ REGA EXACT WHEREABOUTS IS NOT KNOWN, IT IS GENERALLY
BELIEVE THAT HE TRAVELLED TO SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, ON 12 JUNE EN
ROUTE TO MADRID, SPAIN. THE CURRENT IMPASSE BETWEEN LABOR AND
GOVERNMENT OVER THE PERCENTAGE OF WAGE INCREASES HAS PROVOKED
A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TENSION AND UNREST WITHIN THE COUNTRY.
IF SOME COMPROMISE IS NOT REACHED SOON, THIS IMPASSE COULD LEAD

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TO A FULL-SCALE CRISIS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.) **COMMENT:**

THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF WORK STOPPAGES AND STRIKES IN SEVERAL ARGENTINE CITIES DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE RECENT PRICE INCREASES AND AS A MEANS TO PLACE PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT TO ACCEDE TO LABOR DEMANDS. IT IS AGREED THAT A CRISIS COULD DEVELOP IN THE COUNTRY IF THE WAGE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT RESOLVED IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT, BUT THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY STRONG PRESSURES ON BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION AND TO REACH A COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE).

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SUBJECT: ~~X~~ ARREST OF HIGH-LEVEL ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE BY
PARAGUAYAN POLICE

1. ON 16 MAY 1975 AMILCAR ~~X~~ SANTUCHO, A HIGH

LEVEL MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE EJERCITO REVOLUCIONARIO

DEL PUEBLO (ERP-PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY) AND THE

REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA WAS ARRESTED BY PARAGUAYAN

POLICE AS HE CROSSED THE ARGENTINE/PARAGUAYAN BORDER AT

PUERTO PILCOMAYO BY BUS. SANTUCHO WAS TRAVELING UNDER

THE ALIAS OF JUAN MANUEL ~~X~~ MONTENEGRO, WITH

POLICE SEARCHED

SANTUCHO BECAUSE OF HIS SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS. THEY DIS-

COVERED SEVERAL OTHER SETS OF ALIAS DOCUMENTATION PLUS A

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SUITCASE WITH A CONCEALMENT DEVICE CONTAINING SEVERAL THOUSAND US DOLLARS, ELABORATE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT LEFTISTS IN LIMA, QUITO, BOGOTA, CARACAS, SAN SALVADOR AND MEXICO CITY PLUS MARXIST PAPERS DEALING WITH THE ERP.

(FIELD COMMENT: A MILCAR SANTUCHO IS THE BROTHER OF MARIO SANTUCHO, ONE OF THE TOP LEADERS OF THE ERP.)

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2. POLICE INVESTIGATED THE OTHER PASSENGERS ON THE BUS BECAUSE SANTUCHO CONFESSED HE HAD BEEN TRAVELING WITH A LEFTIST COMPANION. [REDACTED] THEY ARRESTED JOSE ISAAC

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~~F U E N T E S~~, A CHILEAN MEMBER OF THE MOVIMIENTO IZQUERDISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (MIR-REVOLUTIONARY LEFTIST MOVEMENT). FUENTES HAD BEEN TRAVELING UNDER THE ALIAS

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OF AURIEL ~~N O D A R S E L E D E S M A~~ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FUENTES HAD JUST OBTAINED A VISA FOR LIMA ON THE 16TH OF JUNE AT THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN ASUNCION.

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3. [REDACTED] AUTHORITIES INTERCEPTED A CALL FROM FUENTES [REDACTED] TO SANTUCHO'S DAUGHTER, GRACIELA

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~~S A N T U C H O~~, IN BUENOS AIRES INFORMING HER OF SANTUCHO'S ARREST. AS A RESULT [REDACTED]

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SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED GRACIELA AND TWO PARAGUAYAN FEMALE
COMPANIONS,

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[REDACTED] THE TWO PRINCIPAL ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TARGETS

UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO

~~ROCAMORA~~ AND NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR SPORTS AND TOURISM

~~PEDRO ELADIO VAZQUEZ~~. ERP LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED SOME

DOUBTS OF THE CAPABILITY OF THEIR ORGANIZATION TO UNDERTAKE A

SUCCESSFUL ABDUCTION OPERATION AGAINST ROCAMORA, BECAUSE OF THE

RAATHER STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES COVERING HIS MOVEMENTS, BUT

THEY BELIEVE THE KIDNAPPING OF VAZQUEZ IS POSSIBLE. [REDACTED]

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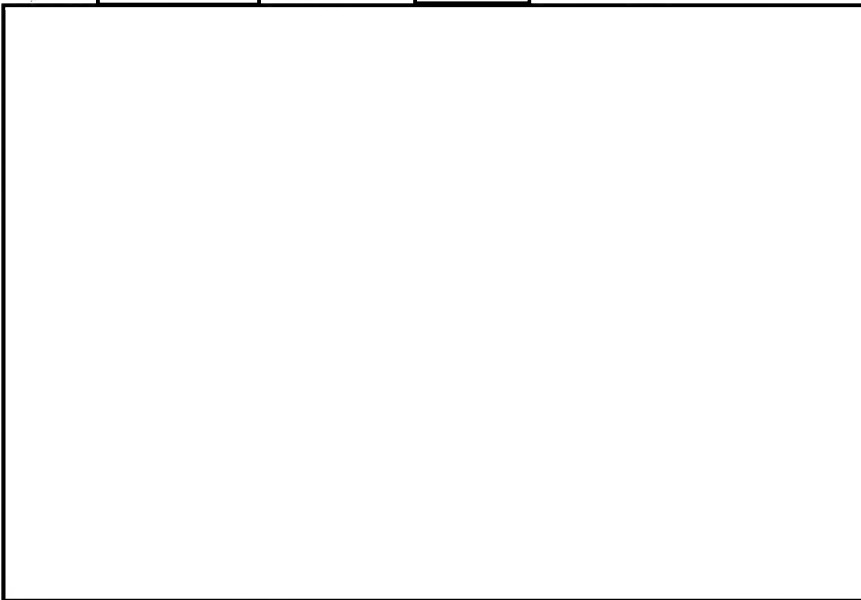
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4. THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR THE
ERP ABDUCTION ATTEMPT ARE INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ROCAMORA
AND NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR SPORTS AND TOURISM PEDRO VAZQUEZ.

[REDACTED] IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE
ERP TO KIDNAP ROCAMORA, SINCE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT HE IS
WELL PROTECTED, BUT THE ERP BELIEVES THAT THE MOVEMENTS OF
VAZQUEZ ARE LESS CONTROLLED. [REDACTED] VAZQUEZ WAS
SELECTED AS A POSSIBLE TARGET FOR ABDUCTION BECAUSE OF HIS

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FRIENDSHIP WITH PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE

PERON. COMMENT:

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VAZQUEZ AND MRS. PERON WERE INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER
ROMANTICALLY A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO.)

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